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TAGS: ETRD, CZ, GE, HU, US

SUBJ: CZECHOSLOVAK-GDR-HUNGARIAN JOINT AUTOMOBILE PROJECT

REF: PRAGUE 1931; BERLIN 1602

1. WELL-PLACED CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICIAL TOLD US SEPTEMBER 25 THAT JOINT PROJECT WAS DEFINITELY DEAD AND EAST GERMAN OFFICIAL HAD CATALOGUED REASONS FOR ITS DEATH IN CZECHOSLOVAK JOURNAL "SVET MOTORU". (WE ARE OBTAINING COPY). OFFICIAL SAID THAT CURRENT IDEA WAS THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA WOULD IN FUTURE SUPPLY 4-CYCLE ENGINES FOR GDR CARS, AND GDR WOULD SUPPLY TRANSMISSIONS TO CZECHS. OFFICIAL ADDED THAT THERE WERE ALSO RUMORS OF POSSIBLE RENAULT PARTICIPATING IN CZECH/GDR CAR PRODUCTION. THIS HAD BEEN DENIED BY TOP CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICIAL IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION, BUT FRENCH EMBASSY OFFICER HAD TOLD OUR SOURCE THERE WAS SOMETHING TO IT.

2. SUGGEST THAT ABOVE INFORMATION BE PASSED TO SMITH AND STRUPP OF GENERAL MOTORS. NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO CZECH-GDR AUTOMOTIVE COOPERATION, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT CHANCES FOR SOME FORM OF U.S. INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION

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IN CZECHOSLOVAK AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTION REMAIN GOOD.

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